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Dear Mr Steele,

REGULATION 28 REPORT TO PREVENT FUTURE DEATHS: MR DAVID CLAIRMONTE

Thank you for your Regulation 28 report dated 26 June 2026, addressed to the Ministry of Justice (MoJ) following the inquest into the death of David Clairmonte at HMP Full Sutton on 4 October 2024.

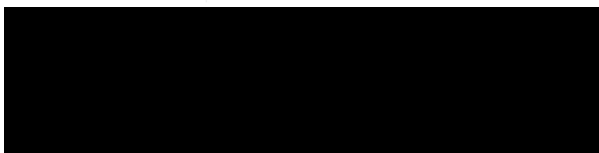
I understand that you will share this response with Mr Clairmonte's family. I would like to begin by expressing my sincere condolences for their loss. Every death in custody is a tragedy, and ensuring the safety of those in our care remains our highest priority.

Your report draws attention to the importance of ensuring effective escort arrangements are available to facilitate prompt transfer to hospital during medical emergencies.

Since Mr Clairmonte's death HMP Full Sutton has implemented a process which avoids delays in identifying staff and preparing escorts, ensuring that in a medical emergency prisoners can be taken to hospital in a timely manner. Both the People Hub, responsible for coordinating staffing resources, and the Security Department, responsible for preparing and coordinating the necessary escort documentation, are equipped with UHF radios, enabling them to monitor for emergency calls. When such a call is made the two teams work collaboratively to assess the associated risks and determine the staffing complement required to conduct the hospital escort. This coordinated approach enables the early identification of resource requirements and supports the timely deployment of staff, thereby minimising any potential delays in responding to medical emergencies, and facilitating the prompt transfer of prisoners requiring urgent medical treatment.

Thank you again for bringing this important matter to my attention. I hope this response provides assurance that appropriate action has been taken to address it.

Yours sincerely,



Interim Director General of Operations